

Think Spring, Inside and Out "Paw-scape" Your Home and Garden

Growing plants indoors is an easy way to enhance any room, and they can also benefit indoor air quality for both you and your pets. Similarly, outdoor plants lend beauty and privacy in your yard, which everyone in the family can enjoy. By carefully selecting plants for indoors or outdoors, you can have an attractive home and keep your beloved pets safe and healthy.

However, we can't stress enough how important it is to do your research! There are many toxic plants that can be fatal to your pets, if ingested.

Avoid **dangerous** or **deadly** indoor and outdoor plant life. Houseplants such Aloe Vera, Amaryllis, Boston Ivy, Calla Lily, Chinese Evergreen, Dieffenbachia, Elephant Ear, English Ivy, India Rubber Plant, Mistletoe, Oleander, Peace Lily, Poinsettia, and many more. And here are some outdoor plants that are toxic or lethal to your pets: Azalea, Chrysanthemum, Daffodil, Geranium, Hyacinth, Hydrangea, Impatiens, Lily of the Valley, Tulips, Yew, some varieties of Ferns and a host of others.

Say yes to plants that are **non-toxic** and **safe** for pets! African Violet, Bamboo, Boston Fern, Lamb's Tail, Christmas Cactus, Friendship Plant, Lady Slipper, Pearl Plant, Prayer Plant, Spider Plant, Zebra Plant, Basil, Butternut Squash, Camellia, Cornflower, Cucumber, Gerber Daisy, Hollyhock, Mulberry Tree, Petunia, Rosemary, Sage, Strawberry, Sunflower, Thyme, Zucchini-Squash, and Zinnia. There are plenty more plants that are safe to have in your home. Just do your research!



Aloe Vera



Boston Ivy



Calla Lilly



Chinese Evergreen



Dieffenbachia



Poinsettia



Schefflera



Oleander



Bamboo



Boston Fern



Christmas Cactus



Friendship Plant



Lady Slipper



Pearl Plant



Prayer Plant



Zebra Plant

An Ounce of Prevention

From our Partners and the Experts at Merial, Inc., makers of Heartgard, Nexgard, and Frontline

When it comes to pet health, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Many pet owners know they should provide their pet with monthly prevention against fleas, ticks and heartworms. Not only are these parasites nuisances for the pet and the pet owner, but they can also spread mild to fatal diseases. It's much easier and better for your pet to prevent such diseases than treat them. What becomes confusing is how to choose among the many preventative products available. This can be remedied with a simple trip to the veterinarian to discuss your pet's needs. Preventative health care involves evaluating your pet's overall health, making appropriate recommendations to protect against the types of parasites most common in your neighborhood and also taking into account your pet's lifestyle and your lifestyle. For instance, a newer oral monthly flea and tick product may be more appropriate in a household where there are children so that they don't come into contact with the product on the pet's skin. Whichever product you choose, the best prevention is one that is administered regularly and is particularly suited to your needs and those of your pet.



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